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U.S. House Approves \$1 Million for York Water Treatment Plant

WASHINGTON — The U.S. House of Representatives, at the request of Rep. John Spratt (D-SC), today approved \$1 million in federal funds for a new water treatment plant for the City of York.

“This is the final hurdle in the House; the money is virtually in the bank,” said Spratt, who sought the appropriation along with U.S. Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-SC). “And it’s great news for York,” Spratt added.

Spratt said he had seen the financial feasibility studies for the project. “It’s a reach for York,” said Spratt. “It simply cannot be done without federal assistance. I am hopeful that the city will be able to win further funding from the Economic Development Administration, the Community Development Block Grant, and possibly the Rural Development Agency. I have assured the mayor and city manager that they will also have my help in securing funds from these federal agencies,” he said.

“Like many who have lived here for some time,” said Spratt, “I have long felt that York needed to tap the Catawba in order to grow. I hope these federal funds will help make that dream possible.”

Spratt said the \$1 million for the new water treatment plant was included in the “VA-HUD-Independent Agencies” appropriations bill for Fiscal Year 2001. The House approved the final version of the bill today. Senate approval and the President’s signature are expected soon.

Spratt has been working with members of the House Appropriations Committee for months to secure funding from the conference committee. He praised Hollings for his initiative in securing approval in the Senate.

“Mayor Connolly and I both asked Senator Hollings for his help on the Senate side, and he came through in spades. The City of York has been fortunate to have him in our corner,” said Spratt.

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